

OTHER NOTICES

CHRISTMAS CRAFTERNOON FAIR SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER



Don't forget to sign up on the sheet in the corridor to say whether or not you are able to help on the day, please. We also need more items to sell and various goods for stalls—do bring them to church or come along to the Monday evenings.

Stewardship

Anna and Ray are doing everything they can to avoid using unnecessary heating, tweaking the timers on a weekly basis according to the rooms booked. So thank you for your understanding if sometimes this may mean putting you in Room 1 or 2 (which have independent heating) rather than heating the whole church.

Please help us in conserving energy and keeping bills low by closing external doors whenever you see them open or turning thermostats down if they are higher than needed in a milder spell of weather.

Victoria has been in touch to say that their house move to Beverley finally took place on Sunday 30th September, but they are without internet until 6th November, so their online presence is very limited at the moment. If you would like their address, please have a word with Lin.

I wonder if you're feeling like I am at the moment—trying to squeeze a quart of activities into a pint pot of time? Not easy is it?

Two years ago I took vows with the Community of Aidan and Hilda, which encompass a **Way of Life** similar to that held by a lot of other new-monastic communities. For my community these focus on the three general principles of **Simplicity, Obedience** and **Purity**, plus 10 'waymarks' or areas of life that we try to live out in an intentional way, which are **Lifelong Learning** (I try to learn something fun every year); **Spiritual Journey** (which includes regular contact with a Soul Friend and prioritising 'time out' with God); a **Rhythm of Prayer, Re-Creation and Rest** (more of this later); **Spiritual Initiative through Intercession** (being steadfast in praying for others); **Simple Lifestyle** (oh I wish); **Care for Creation** (fair-trade ethical purchases, recycling, feeding garden birds, growing veggies etc); **Healing Fragmented People and Communities** (trying to be a consistent loving presence, supporting others etc); **Openness to God's Spirit** (recognising His voice and heeding it); **Unity** (personal relationships, respecting others, drawing people together); and **Mission/Justice** (speaking where God leads, especially where there is injustice; being obedient in what God wants me to do). Those of you who have got to know me well in my first year at Lidgett will know that some of these challenge me more than others!

The **Rhythm of Prayer, Re-Creation and Rest** is about the concept of resting in order to work, rather than earning the rest once all the work is done. I personally struggle with leaving work undone, especially if it inconveniences other people. Yet once time out is taken, I do often achieve far more than had I just kept on working and getting tired and frustrated. At Lidgett in the next few months there is a lot of busy-ness for a lot of people— 3 own arrangement services; the Christmas Crafternoon Fair; all the special Christmas services; plus busy-ness in making our personal Christmas preparations as well as any employment and regular involvement in church activities and meetings. **Celtic Advent** begins on 15th November, much earlier than in the Methodist or Anglican churches, and the challenge is to make time to really listen to God in the midst of all this busy-ness. Jean McLachlan Hess in her book 'A Journey to the Manger' reminds us that prayer was the heartbeat of the early Celtic Christians who prayed about most if not all aspects of their daily life, eg *'I will kindle my fire this morning in the presence of the holy angels of heaven, without malice, without jealousy, without envy, but the Holy Son of God to shield me'* and *'God, kindle Thou in my heart within a flame of love to my neighbour, to my foe, to my friend, to my kindred all'*.

I wonder how God is drawing you, and me, to be this Autumn? Will we find that Advent takes us by surprise when it comes, and then feel guilty as we battle with a mountain of tasks and no time to relax and prepare with God in quiet contemplation? Or will we, like the Celtic believers of old, start each day in God's presence, involving Him in the mundane as well as the profound, resting in order to 'work', and finding a rhythm of God-centred 'being' each day?
Lin.



2018

Monday 29th October

Christmas Craft making evening - Room 2 at 7.30pm

Sunday 11th November

Service of Remembrance 10.30am

Monday 12th November

Christmas Craft making evening - Room 2 at 7.30pm

Monday 19th November

Christmas Craft making evening - Room 2 at 7.30pm

Saturday 24th November

Lidgett Christmas Fair 12noon till 3pm

Thursday 29th November

Stewards 7pm and Leadership 7.30pm Meetings

Monday 3rd December

Worship Mtg (re next Plan) and Planning Mtg for Christmas Day service 7.30pm

Tuesday 4th December

Circuit Advent Service 10.00am for 10.30am Stamford Bridge

Saturday 15th December

A Quiet Christmas, service for bereaved and others who find Christmas hard, 11am

Saturday 15th December

Christmas Concert Joint Fundraiser at Lidgett with York Opera, 3pm

Sunday 16th December

Scratch Nativity

Monday 17th December

Ladies' Leisure Group Christmas Communion 2.30pm

Sunday 23rd December

Carols Service

Monday 24th December

Crib Service at Poppleton Methodist, 4pm

Tuesday 25th December

Christmas Day service at 10.00am

2019

Thursday 31st January

Stewards 7pm and Leadership 7.30pm Meetings

18th-20th October

District Weekend in Scarborough



Please do have a look at the new notices on our Church notice board, which are updated regularly